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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: ) Examiner Gary B. Nickol, Ph.D.  
Gerritsen, *et al.* ) Group Art Unit No. 1642  
Serial No. 09/684,458 )  
Filing Date: October 5, 2000 )  
For NOVEL POLYPEPTIDES, THEIR )  
NUCLEIC ACIDS, AND METHODS )  
FOR THEIR USE IN )  
ANGIOGENESIS AND )  
VASCULARIZATION )

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of June 18, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claim 66 without prejudice to its prosecution in continuation or divisional applications.

Please amend claims 24-30, 32, 60, 63 and 67 to read as follows:

24. (Amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least about 80% sequence identity to the sequence of amino acid residues from about 1 to about 577 of SEQ ID NO:2.